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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A snowboard boot strap anchor comprising:
a raised portion having a height that is equal to at least seventy-five percent of the combined thickness of an ankle strap and an instep pad of the snowboard boot to provide sufficient space for the instep pad to slide beneath the ankle strap, wherein the raised portion comprises at least three separate mounting locations; and
a thin base portion associated with the raised portion for attachment to an upper portion of the snowboard boot.
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the strap anchor is a unitary member.
3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of the strap anchor is made of at least one of a plastic, rubber, a composite material or metal material.
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least one mounting location includes a sleeve for receiving a fastener device.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least one mounting location includes a means for receiving a tool-less fastener device.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the raised portion has a height that is equal to at least seventy-five percent of the combined thickness of at least two straps of a strap arrangement.
7. (Currently Amended) A snowboard boot strap mounting system comprising:
an ankle strap arrangement including an instep pad;
a first strap anchor operatively associated with the ankle strap arrangement, and having a raised portion with a height equal to at least seventy-five percent of the combined thickness of an ankle strap and the instep pad to provide sufficient space for the instep pad to